

Senate Resolution 1102

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Reed of the 35th, Seay of the 34th, Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the life of Ms. Sara González; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most distinguished citizens when
3 Ms. Sara González passed away unexpectedly on February 18, 2008; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. González was the President and CEO of the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of
5 Commerce, and, under her leadership, it grew in endowment and membership from 172
6 members in 1996 to nearly 1,500 members in 2007; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. González established the Hispanic American Center for Economic
8 Development, the Argentine-American Chamber of Commerce, the Dominican-American
9 Chamber of Commerce, and the Ecuadorian-American Chamber of Commerce; and

10 WHEREAS, she was appointed to the board of directors of Hemisphere, Inc., and to the
11 Latino Commission for a New Georgia by Governor Sonny Perdue, and she also was on the
12 organizing committee for the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2007, she received the Purpose Prize for her creative and effective work to
14 tackle some of the nation's most pressing problems, and her work has been recognized by
15 local and national press and won her the appreciation of community groups representing both
16 geographic and ethnic communities; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. González's passion for the betterment of the Hispanic community, as well
18 as the Atlanta community, was unmatched; and

19 WHEREAS, she diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
20 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community, this state, and the nation, as
21 evidenced dramatically by her many years of superlative service; and

1 WHEREAS, this singular woman was a person of magnanimous strengths with an
2 unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
4 express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of Ms. Sara González and
5 commend her for a lifetime of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
7 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Ms. Sara González.